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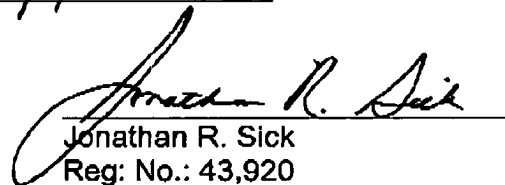
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/641,933

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Title: SUB-ATMOSPHERIC GAS DELIVERY  
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## STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

This paper is submitted as an inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

More than one year has passed since the filing of the Response to the July 2, 2002 Office  
Action on September 5, 2002, accompanied by a postcard receipt. No further communication has  
been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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